

Next Meeting: May 3, 2006
10:00 a.m. – Michigan Education Association

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 5, 2006 Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Present: Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Patt Clement, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Cheryl Ervin, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Robert Hove, Elaine High, Linda Keway (for Ric Hogerheide), Christopher Kinney (for Richard Spring), Dara Knill, Paul Kubicek, Sharon Melko (for Cindy Anderson), Jerry Oermann, David Overly, Susan Peters, Sue Rabidoux (for Gloria Anderson), Jeff Siegel, Deb Todd, Colette Ward, Michael Yocum

Ex-Officio Members: Lynn Boza, Mark Larson, Lee Martin, Doug Nurenberg (for Sheri Falvay), Michele Robinson

Absent: Julie Shore

OSE/EIS Staff: Kathy Barker, Sheryl Diamond, Fran Loose, Dan Wilson, Liz Vorisek

Guests: Jonelle Gillette, Sandi Laham

Vice Chairperson Colette Ward called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests

Guests attending the meeting were introduced.

Amend/Approve Proposed Agenda

The agenda of the April 5, 2006 meeting was considered. Hearing no amendments, the agenda was approved.

Amend/Approve Minutes

The minutes of the March 1, 2006 meeting were considered. Hearing no amendments, the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

None

Member Issues

Beverly Baroni-Yeglic mentioned concern about social workers serving in the role of guidance counselors, and being told they could no longer keep both positions. They thought it was related to high school reform regarding high school counseling. The personnel department had a person who was training the social worker, but when she came into the district she was made a halftime counselor and in addition to that she is being told she is not highly qualified. Jerry Oermann had heard the same concern in his district.

Chairperson's Report – Colette Ward

A. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elections

We have the new Executive Board for next year. Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Bob Hove, Jerry Oermann, Chuck Saur, Jan VanGasse, Susan Peters, Julie Winkelstern. The nominations for the chair are Jerry Oermann and Chuck Saur, and for Vice chair Beverly Baroni-Yeglic and Bob Hove.

B. Executive committee elections

The ballots will come in the mail before the next meeting and they are to be sent back to Liz Vorisek. You can mail or fax them into her; the results of the election will be announced at the May meeting.

C. Video conferencing

Last month Jeff Siegel brought up the concern regarding the use of video conferencing for the SEAC meetings. Due to the constraint of time the executive committee will make a recommendation to the incoming executive committee to take this up when their term begins.

State Reports – Kathy Barker for Jacque Thompson

A. State Board of Education Meeting

Kathy Barker will speak today on State Performance Plan (SPP) Indicators 1 (Graduation) and 2 (Drop Out). The Seclusion/Restraint document went to the State Board of Education. They requested it be revised and brought to the May meeting. As a result of that there was a request for a separate policy for Positive Behavior Support.

Colette Ward reminded members to read "What it means to be on the SEAC Executive Committee."

B. IDEIA 2004 Implementation Activities - None

Ex-Officio Reports

Institutions of Higher Education – Mark Larson.

Mark spoke of concern regarding new elementary standards and certification and Special Education. Concern focused on the identification of appropriate teaching majors and teaching minors for elementary certified teachers, and that special education is no longer a teaching major or minor unit. Sheryl Diamond noted that public comment period on the OPPS proposed rule changes for certification ended today at 5:00 p.m.

Jerry Oermann commented it seems like there's quite a bit of change in the Office of Professional Preparation Services coming for the new year. Jerry asked if Colette would like a request made for the new year to have the OPPS come to speak. Colette asked Jerry if he would make a recommendation that this be done next year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Michigan Department of Community Health – Sheri Falvay – None

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth/Rehabilitation Services – Lynn Boza – Hopes to do some joint training regarding the high school high tech project. Sites continue to grow, might be able to get two sites in Wayne County. Training will be offered regarding working with deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Department of Human Services – Lee Martin – None

Michigan Department of Corrections – Michele Robinson – None

Committee Reports

A. High School Transformation – Deb Todd

Members of the committee informed us of the two bills regarding high school graduation requirements that moved through the legislature and went to the governor for signature.

The understanding is the new graduation requirements will be in place for the freshman class of 2007-2008 graduating in 2011. The High School Reform movement was brought about by national research that indicated traditional schools were not doing the job for our students. It was documented by high

drop out rates, low scores on achievement tests, and students graduating without the tools needed in today's global workforce. In Michigan, the Cherry Commission laid the foundation for high school reform. This was followed by the State Board of Education's recommendation for higher expectations for graduating seniors.

Mike Yocum provided an historical understanding of high school reform which will be available to the committee.

B. Post-Secondary Outcomes – Chuck Saur (Susan Peters)

The subcommittee familiarized themselves with terms and their meanings regarding transition outcomes and SPP Indicators 13 Secondary Transition Services and 14 Post School Outcomes, so when those indicators are evaluated we have some basis for understanding those points.

C. Suspension/Expulsion – Paul Kubicek

Last month Leisa Gallagher and Bob Higgins from the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit shared data about students who have been expelled and suspended as well as the strategies to promote students staying in school and prevent schools from overly relying on suspension/expulsion as a form of discipline.

Information Items

None

Action Items

None

Member Announcements

Sue Rabidoux introduced Jonelle Gillette as guest.

Cheryl Ervin shared info from an NEA conference that could support implementation of the State Performance Plan.

Colette Ward informed us the State PAC is still doing conference calls. The next conference call will be April 9. Sharon Deitrich will be talking about parent membership.

SEAC Learning: State Performance Plan Indicator Education – Kathy Barker

A. Indicators 1 Graduation and 2 Drop out

- B. One of the things to understand is that the indicators address a very specific amount of information. It's like getting a report card *at* the end of the semester.
- C. The power point presentation was shown, and discussion followed.

Future Agenda Consideration - none

Process Check – Chuck Saur (Paul Kubicek)

Paul was an alternate for three years, and sees the different styles of reports by presenters. A discussion occurred regarding a process in which someone could bring a problem and have it solved, so people could go home with a plan.

The meeting was adjourned to subcommittees.

Liz Vorisek
Recording Secretary

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Executive Committee
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8:45 a.m.

Present: Kathy Barker, Patt Clement, Sheryl Diamond, Paul Kubicek, Sandi Laham, Fran Loose, Jerry Oermann, Susan Peters, Deb Todd, Colette Ward

Absent: Ric Hogerheide, Patti Oates-Ulrich, Chuck Saur

Review of Today's Agenda

Kathy Barker will present a power point presentation on SPP indicators 1 and 2 on graduation and dropout.

Bill Daggett video will be shown in Room A following lunch.

Due to the resignation of Pat Keller, the Vice Chair has invited 2006-07 Executive board member Susan Peters to serve on the Executive Committee for the remainder of this year. Susan accepted this invitation.

State Department Report

Kathy Barker identified emerging issues such as Universal Design, high school requirements, and Reach and Teach for Learning.

Subcommittee Reports

A. High School Transformation – Deb Todd

High school graduation, interest from the group and update on high school reform efforts.

B. Post-Secondary Outcomes – Susan Peters

C. Suspension/Expulsion – Paul Kubicek

SEAC recommended appointments premature in April, so will be for May meeting.

Future Agenda Development

Further work will be done regarding seclusion and restraint.

State Performance Plan Indicator 3 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) will be presented at the May SEAC meeting.

Other Issues

Kathy Barker spoke on IDEA 2004 implementation. The IDEA 2004 regulations have not yet been released.

Request for Proposals are out for a new parent support grant.

Deb Todd distributed copies of the Interim Report of the High School Transformation Subcommittee.

There was an update on the Reach and Teach for Learning initiative for middle and high school students that are hard to reach and/or hard to teach. This initiative is cosponsored by the MDE and a number of educational support organizations.

The executive committee will debrief following today's subcommittee meetings.